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EVALUATION OF THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FIELD PILOT PROJECTS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND BLACK SEA REGIONS AND SELECTED EU MEMBER STATES, AND PREPARATION OF POLICY GUIDELINES

DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION

Item 4 v) of the draft Agenda

- The Bureau is invited to consider the Secretariat's proposal and provide any appropriate guidance for the implementation of the activity.

Introduction

The objective of evaluating the lessons learned from the field projects is a direct result of the assessment of the "Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme related to the integrated conservation of the cultural heritage" conducted in 2011 by the CDPATEP [reports AT(2011)8 and AT(2011)16]. The challenge is to capitalise on the expertise and experience gained through various projects that have received recognition and positive assessments (from the states concerned and/or the European Union) in order to learn from them and identify the added value of Council of Europe action in these areas. The fact is that this wealth of information has been under-utilised.

Completing the Ljubljana Process on heritage rehabilitation in South-East Europe, which the Council of Europe has been implementing jointly with the European Union since 2003 and with additional support from the Regional Cooperation Council since 2011, requires us to conduct a review of the past ten years of co-operation. This review should also be extended to other projects implemented in the region under the regional programme on cultural and natural heritage. The question is what lessons can be gleaned from these pilot projects for all member States, and might these pioneering approaches be extended to other parts of Europe?

The planned launch in 2014 of "Community-led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns" in the six countries taking part in the European Union's Eastern Partnership programme will likewise provide an opportunity to review several years of co-operation, especially in the South Caucasus countries, on pilot projects in historic towns. This long series of experiments, which includes other projects on the same subject in Russia and western European countries, needs to be examined in order to provide guidelines that could be published in the Council of Europe's "Guidance" series. A number of topics could be dealt with in targeted analyses.

Various other topics and issues relating to the Council of Europe's political priorities could be addressed by examining projects carried out under the technical co-operation programme. It would be best if this work were done in consultation with, or even delegated to, various partners invited to participate in the European Heritage Network.

The results of this process will be presented to the Bureau and to the CDCPP throughout 2014 and 2015.

Action

The Bureau is invited to discuss the above proposals and provide the Secretariat with any appropriate guidance for the implementation of the activity.